



KENTUCKY WAGE AND HOUR LAWS



POST THIS ORDER WHERE ALL EMPLOYEES MAY READ

MINIMUM WAGE:

Effective July 15, 1998, every employer shall pay each employee not less than \$5.15 per hour. Subsequently, the state minimum wage rate will adjust in accordance with the federal minimum wage rate as prescribed by 29 U.S.C. Sec. 206(a)(1). (KRS 337.275).

OVERTIME:

No employer shall employ any employee for a workweek longer than forty hours unless such employee receives compensation for employment in excess of forty hours in a workweek at a rate of not less than one and one-half times the hourly rate employed. This section does not apply to employees of retail stores engaged in work connected with selling, purchasing and distributing merchandise, wares, goods, articles or commodities, or to employees of restaurant, hotel and motel operations, to employees as defined and exempted from the overtime provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act in section 213(b)(1), 213(b)(10) and 213(b)(17) of Title 29, U.S.C. (KRS 337.285 Sec. (2)(d), (2)(e) and (4) County Employees).

EXEMPTIONS:

Minimum Wage (KRS 337.275) and Overtime (KRS 337.285) do not apply to: the following list of employees: (1) Any individual employed in agriculture; (2) Any individual employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, supervisory or professional capacity, or in the capacity of outside salesman, or as an outside collector as such terms are defined by administrative regulations of the Executive Director; (3) Any individual employed by the United States; (4) Any individual employed in domestic service in or about a private home. The provisions of this section shall include individuals employed in domestic service in or about the home of an employer where there is more than one domestic servant regularly employed; (5) Any individual classified and given a certificate by the Executive Director of Workplace Standards showing a status of handicapped worker or sheltered workshop employee under administrative regulations promulgated by the Executive Director of Workplace Standards; (6) Employees of retail stores, service industries, hotels, motels, and restaurant operations whose average annual gross volume of sales made for business done is less than ninety-five thousand dollars for the five preceding years exclusive of excise taxes at the retail level or if the employee is the parent, spouse, child, or other member of the employer's immediate family; (7) Any individual employed as a babysitter in the employer's home or as a companion by a sick, convalescing or elderly person or by the person's immediate family, to care for that sick, convalescing or elderly person and whose principal duties do not include housekeeping; (8) Any individual engaged in the delivery of newspapers to the consumer; (9) Any individual subject to the provisions of KRS Chapters 7, 16, 27A, 30A, and 18A provided that the secretary of the Personnel Cabinet shall have the authority to prescribe by administrative regulation those emergency employees, or others, who shall receive overtime pay rates necessary for the efficient operation of government and the protection of affected employees; (10) Any employee employed by an establishment which is an organized nonprofit camp, religious, or nonprofit educational conference center, if it does not operate for more than seven months in any calendar year; (11) Any employee whose function is to provide 24 hour residential care on the employer's premises in a parental role to children who are primarily dependent, neglected and abused and who are in the care of private nonprofit childrearing facilities licensed by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services under KRS Chapter 199; or (12) Any individual whose function is to provide 24 hour residential care in his or her own home as a family caregiver and who is approved to provide family caregiver services to an adult with a disability through a contractual relationship with a community mental health-mental retardation board established under KRS 210.370 to 210.460, or is certified or licensed by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to provide adult foster care. (KRS 337.101(2))

TIPPED EMPLOYEES:

Any employee engaged in an occupation in which more than \$30 dollars per month is customarily and regularly received in tips, the employer may pay a minimum of \$2.13 per hour if the employer's records can establish for each week where credit is taken, when adding the tips received to wages paid, not less than the minimum wage is received by the employee. Subsequently, the tipped rate will adjust in accordance with the federal minimum tipped rate as prescribed by 29 U.S.C. Sec. 206(a)(1). No employer shall use all or part of any tips or gratuities received by employees toward the payment of the minimum wage. (KRS 337.275(2)) No employer shall require an employee to remit to the employer any gratuity, or any portion thereof, except for the purpose of withholding amounts required by federal or state law. No employer shall require an employee to participate in a tip pool whereby the employee is required to remit to the pool any gratuity, or any portion thereof, for distribution among employees of the employer. Employees may voluntarily enter into an agreement to divide gratuities among themselves. The employer may inform the employees of the existence of a voluntary pool and the customary tipping arrangements of the employees at the establishment. Upon petition by the participants in the voluntary pool, and at the employer's own option and expense, an employer may provide custodial services for the safekeeping of funds placed in the pool if the account is properly identified and segregated from the other business records and open to examination by pool participants. (KRS 337.065)

RECORDS:

Every employer subject to the provisions of the Kentucky Minimum Wage Law shall make and preserve records containing the following information: (a) Name, address, and Social Security Number of each employee; (b) Hours worked each day and each week by each employee; (c) Regular hourly rate of pay; (d) Overtime hourly rate of pay for hours in excess of forty hours in a workweek; (e) Additions to cash wages at cost, or deductions (meals, board, lodging, etc.) from stipulated wages in the amount deducted, or at cost of the item for which deductions are made; (f) Total wages paid for each workweek and date of payment. Such records shall be kept on file for at least one year after entry. No particular form or order is prescribed for these records provided that the information required is easily obtainable for inspection purposes. (KRS 337.320)

REST PERIODS:

No employer shall require any employee to work without a rest period of at least ten (10) minutes during each four (4) hours worked except those employees who are under the Federal Railway Labor Act. This shall be in addition to the regularly scheduled lunch period. No reduction in compensation shall be made for hourly or salaried employees. (KRS 337.365)

LUNCH PERIODS:

Employers, except those subject to the Federal Railway Labor Act, shall grant their employees a reasonable period for lunch, and such time shall be as close to the middle of the employee's scheduled work shift as possible. In no case shall an employee be required to take a lunch period sooner than three (3) hours after the work shift commences, nor more than five (5) hours from the time the work shift commences. This section shall not be construed to negate any provision of a collective bargaining agreement or mutual agreement between the employee and employer. (KRS 337.355)

PAYMENT OF WAGES:

Any employee who leaves or is discharged from employment shall be paid in full all wages or salary earned not later than the next normal pay period following the date of dismissal or voluntary leaving or fourteen (14) days following such date of dismissal or voluntary leaving whichever last occurs. (KRS 337.055)

UNLAWFUL FOR EMPLOYER TO WITHHOLD WAGES:

No employer shall withhold from any employee's wages any part of the agreed wage rate; unless (a) the employer is required to do so by local, state, or federal law; or (b) when a deduction is expressly authorized in writing by the employee to cover insurance premiums, hospital, or medical dues; or (c) other deductions not amounting to a rebate or deduction from the standard wage arrived at by collective bargaining or pursuant to wage agreement or statute; or (d) deductions for union dues where such deductions are authorized by joint wage agreements or collective bargaining contracts negotiated between employers and employees or their representatives. No employer shall deduct the following from the wages of employees: (a) Fines; (b) Cash shortages in a common money till, cash box or register used by two (2) or more persons; (c) Breakage; (d) Losses due to acceptance by an employee of checks which are subsequently dishonored if such employee is given discretion to accept or reject any check; or (e) Losses due to defective or faulty workmanship, lost or stolen property, damage to property, default of customer credit or nonpayment for goods or services received by the customer if such losses are not attributable to employee's willful or intentional disregard of employer's interest. (KRS 337.060)

TIME AND A HALF FOR WORK DONE ON SEVENTH DAY OF WEEK:

Any employer who permits any employee to work seven days in any one workweek shall pay the rate of time and a half for the time worked on the seventh day. The above shall not apply in any case in which the employee is not permitted to work more than forty hours during the workweek; or to telephone exchanges having less than five hundred subscribers; stenographers, bookkeepers or technical assistants of professions such as doctors, accountants, lawyers and other professions licensed under the laws of this state; employees subject to the Federal Railway Labor Act and seamen or persons engaged in operating boats or other water transportation facilities upon navigable streams; persons engaged in icing railroad cars; common carriers under the supervision of the Department of Vehicle Regulation; and any officer, superintendent, foreman or supervisor whose duties are principally limited to directing or supervising other employees. (KRS 337.050)

PERFORMANCE BONDS:

Except for employers who have been doing business in the state for five (5) consecutive years, every employer engaged in construction work, or the severance, preparation, or transportation of minerals, shall furnish on a form prescribed by the Executive Director a performance bond to assure the payment of all wages due from the employer. Surety for the bond shall be an amount of money equal to the employer's gross payroll operating at full capacity for four (4) weeks. (KRS 337.200)

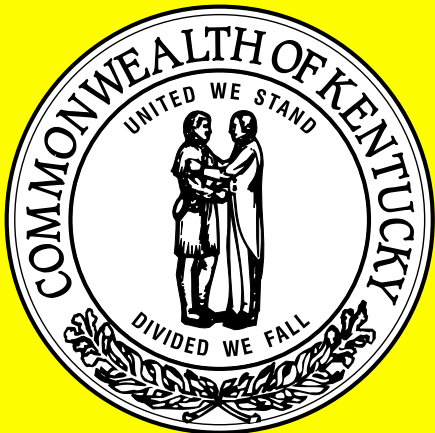
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KENTUCKY CHILD LABOR LAWS



HOURS OF WORK PERMITTED FOR MINORS 14 BUT NOT YET 18 YEARS OF AGE

AGE	MAY NOT WORK BEFORE	MAY NOT WORK AFTER	MAXIMUM HOURS WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION	MAXIMUM HOURS WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION
14 & 15 Yrs.	7:00 A.M.	7:00 P.M. (9:00 P.M. June 1 through Labor Day)	3 Hours per day on a school day 8 Hours per day on a nonschool day 18 Hours per week	8 Hours per day 40 Hours per Week
16 & 17 Yrs.	6:00 A.M.	10:30 P.M. preceding a school day/1:00 A.M. preceding a nonschool day	6 Hours per day on a school day 8 Hours per day on a nonschool day *30 Hours per week (see asterisk below)	NO RESTRICTIONS

* A minor 16 or 17 years of age cannot work more than thirty (30) hours in any one (1) workweek when school is in session, except that a minor may work up to forty (40) hours in any one (1) workweek if a parent or legal guardian gives permission in writing and the principal or head of the school the minor attends certifies in writing that the minor has maintained at least a 2.0 grade point average in the most recent grading period. School certification shall be valid for one (1) year unless revoked sooner by the school authority. The parental permission and school certification shall remain at the employer’s place of business.

Minors under 18 years of age shall not be permitted to work more than five (5) hours continuously without an interval of at least thirty (30) minutes for a lunch period. The beginning and ending of the lunch period shall be documented by the employer.

Definitions: Section 1. (1) “School in session” means that time as established by local school district authorities, pursuant to KRS 160.290.

Minors 14 but not yet 16 years of age may NOT be employed in: Any manufacturing, mining, or processing occupations, including occupations requiring the performance of any duties in workrooms or workplaces where goods are manufactured, mined, or otherwise processed; occupations which involve the operation or tending of hoisting apparatus or any power-driven machinery other than office machines; operation of motor vehicles or service as helpers on such vehicles; public messenger service; occupations in connection with: Transportation of persons or property by rail, highway, air, water, pipeline, or other means, warehousing and storage, communications and public utilities, construction (including demolition and repair).

OCCUPATIONS PROHIBITED FOR ALL MINORS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

1. Occupations in or about Plants or Establishments Manufacturing or Storing Explosives or Articles Containing Explosive Components.

2. Motor-vehicle Driver and outside helper on a motor vehicle.

3. Coal Mine Occupations.

4. Logging or Sawmill Operations.

5. Operation of Power-Driven Woodworking machines.

6. Exposure to Radioactive Substances.

7. Power-driven hoisting apparatus, including forklifts.

8. Operation of Power-Driven Metal Forming, punching, and shearing machines.

9. Mining, other than coal mining.

10. Operating power-driven meat processing equipment, including meat slicers and other food slicers, in retail establishments (such as grocery stores, restaurants, kitchens and Delis), wholesale establishments, and most occupations in meat slaughtering, packing, processing, or rendering.
11. Operation of Power-driven bakery machines including vertical dough or batter mixers.

12. Power-driven paper products machines including scrap paper baler and cardboard box compactors.

13. Manufacturing bricks, tile, and kindred products.

14. Power-driven circular saws, band saws, and Guillotine shears.

15. Wrecking, demolition, and shipbreaking operations.

16. Roofing operations and all work on or about a roof.

17. Excavating Operations.

18. In, about or in connection with any establishment where alcoholic liquors are distilled, rectified, compounded, brewed, manufactured, bottled, sold for consumption or dispensed unless permitted by the rules and regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (except they may be employed in places where the sale of alcoholic beverages by the package is merely incidental to the main business actually conducted).

19. Pool or Billiard Room.

PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED FOR MINORS 14 BUT NOT YET 18 YEARS OF AGE

Drivers License, Birth Certificate, Government Document with Date of Birth

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PAID FOR WITH STATE FUNDS

WAGE DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF SEX

(KRS 207.140 to 207.240 - KRS 337.420 to 337.433 and KRS 337.990 (14))



DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYEE-

Any individual employed by any employer, including but not limited to individuals employed by the State or any of its political subdivisions, instrumentalities, or instrumentalities of political subdivisions.

EMPLOYER-

A person who has two or more employees within the State in each of twenty or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year and an agent of such a person.

WAGE RATE-

All compensation for employment, including payment in kind and amounts paid by employers for employee benefits, as defined by the Executive Director in regulations issued under this Act.

PROHIBITION OF THE PAYMENT OF WAGES BASED ON SEX:

The employer is prohibited from discriminating between employees of opposite sexes in the same establishment by paying different wage rates for comparable work on jobs which have comparable requirements. This prohibition covers any employee in any occupation in Kentucky. Any employer violating this Act shall not reduce the wages of any employee in order to comply with the Act.

No employer can discharge or discriminate against any employee for the reason that the employee sought to invoke or assist in the enforcement of the Act.

EXEMPTIONS FROM COVERAGE:

A differential paid through an established seniority system or merit increase system is permitted by the Act if it does not discriminate on the basis of sex.

Employers subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, are excluded "when that act imposes comparable or greater requirements than contained" in this Act. However, to be excluded, the employer must file with the Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Workplace Standards a statement that he is covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended.

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW AND POWER TO INSPECT:

The Executive Director or his authorized agent has the power to enter the employer's premises to inspect records, compare character of work and operations of employees, question employees, and to obtain any information necessary to administer and enforce this Act. The Executive Director or his authorized representative may examine witnesses under oath, and require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of any documentary evidence relating to the subject matter of any investigation undertaken pursuant to this Act. If a person fails to obey a subpoena, the Circuit Court of the Judicial District wherein the hearing is being held may issue an order requiring the subpoena to be obeyed. Failure to obey the court order may be punished as contempt of that court.

COLLECTION OF UNPAID WAGES:

Any employer who violates this Act is liable to the employee or employees affected in the amount of the unpaid wages. If the employer violates this Act willfully, he is liable for an additional equal amount as liquidated damages. The court may order other appropriate action, including reinstatement of employees discharged in violation of this Act.

The employee or employees affected may maintain an action to collect the amount due. At the written request of any employee, the Executive Director may bring any legal action necessary to collect the claim for unpaid wages in behalf of the employee.

An agreement between an employer and employee to work for less than the wage to which such employee is entitled will not bar any legal action or voluntary wage restitution.

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS:

Court action under this Act may be commenced no later than six months after the cause of action occurs.

POSTING OF LAW:

All employers subject to the Act shall post this abstract in a conspicuous place in or about the premises wherein any employee is employed.

PENALTIES:

Any person who discharges or in any other manner discriminates against an employee because such employee has:

- (a) made any complaint to his employer, the Executive Director or any other person, or
- (b) instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding under or related to this Act, or
- (c) testified or is about to testify in any such proceedings, shall be assessed a civil penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000.

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